[*Note.*—An Asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE LACK OF ACCOMMODATION IN ENGINEERING COLLEGES.

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Industries to the following matter of urgent public importance :—

"Frustration experienced by students on account of their failure to get accommodation in the Engineering colleges of the State and consequent hardship caused to their parents and the steps taken by Government to plan and to provide admission to all eligible and willing students, in the Engineering Colleges in the State."

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the programme for additional intake in Engineering Colleges and the opening of new colleges during the Third Five-Year Plan has been fixed on the basis of estimates of additional requirements of manpower in the State and Central Plans. There were nine Engineering Colleges (of which two are Government Colleges) with a total admission capacity of 1,157 at the begining of the Third Plan. The corresponding All India figures were 100 Engineering Colleges with 13,860 admissions. The development schemes under Technical Education for the Third Plan provide for raising the total admissions for the Degree Courses to 1,767 at the end of the Third Plan as against the All India figure of 19,140.

2. During 1962-63, an *ad hoc* increase of 60 seats was allowed in the Engineering Colleges to meet the pressure on admissions. The intake in all the Engineering Colleges in this State (including Annamalai University has been increased from 1,157 to 1,602 in 1963-64. This increase will also cover the admissions for the new three-year Engineering course for B.Sc. students introduced during the current year.

3. The Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli, will be started during 1964-65. It will have an initial intake of 120 students which will ultimately go up to 250 students. A Government Engineering College with an intake of 120 students is likely to be started at Salem before the end of the Third Plan. There is also a proposal to start an Engineering College at Tirunelveli in the private sector, during the Third Plan period. With the starting of these new colleges, the total admissions for the Degree cources would be in excess of the number originally targetted for in the Plan.

4. The selection for admission to Engineering Colleges is made by a Committee constituted by Government every year. Separate rules have been framed for admission to Engineering Colleges. Eligible candidates are selected aftfer interview by the Committee.

5. Part-time courses for A.M.I.E. which has been recognised as equivalent to a B.E. degree for Government service are also being conducted in the Central Polytechnic, Madras.

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6. There is also a proposal to start part-time Degree courses for Diploma holders employed in industrial concerns, subject to the University's concurrence. A Committee has been constituted to draft a detailed scheme for the proposed course.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) Election to the committee on public accounts.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following fourteen members were duly nominated for election of fourteen members of the Madras Legislative Assembly to the Committee on Public Accounts for the year 1963-64 :— 9-30 a.m.

1. Sri R. S. Arumugam.
2. Sri R. Jeevarathinam.
3. Sri T. Karcha Gowder.
4. Srimathi Parvathi Arjunan.
5. Sri C. M. Ambikapathy.
6. Sri S. Ponnuswamy.
7. Dr. B. Natarajan.
8. Sri C. Srinivasan.
9. Sri V. R. Nedunchezhiyan.
10. Sri N. Rajangam.
11. Sri M. V. Karivengadam.
12. Sri S. Madhavan.
13. Sri K. Mookia Thevar.
14. Sri C. Chiranjeevulu Naidu.

As the number of candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., fourteen, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Committee on Public Accounts for the year 1963-64.

The Hon. Minister for Finance and the Chairman, Committee on Estimates, are members of the Committee, ex-officio.

Under Rule 174 of the Assembly Rules, I nominate Sri V. R. Nedunchezhiyan, M. L. A., to be the Chairman of the Committee.

(2) Election to the committee on estimates.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have also to announce to the House that the following fourteen members were duly nominated for the election of fourteen members of the Madras Legislative Assembly to the Committee on Estimates for the year 1963-64 :—

1. Sri K. S. G. Haja Sheriff.
2. Sri V. S. Arunachalam.
3. Sri S Angamuthu Naicker.